GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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NON UTILISATION OF FUNDS BY THE MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been persistent unspent provisions of more than Rs. 100 crore in the grant during the last several years pertaining to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for non-utilisation of funds by the Ministry;

(d) whether the ministry have taken any remedial measures to avoid recurrence of such situation in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) The details of unspent budget provisions during the last five years are given below:

(Rs. crore)

Year	Unspent amount by Department of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals	Fertilizers
1997-1998	29.45	47.98
1998-1999	35.91	20.70
1999-2000	110.64	399.97
2000-2001	79.31	14.48
2001-2002	4.49	1774.40

Deptt. of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals could not utilise over Rs. 100 crore during1999-2000 and Department of Fertilizers during 1999-2000 and 2001-2002.
(c) Deptt. of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals could not utilise funds due to the following reasons:

(i) Marginal progress in the implementation of Assam Gas Cracker Project.

(ii) Lesser expenditure on construction of the new laboratory building for Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology.

(iii) Delay between time of calling of quotations, their evaluation and actual delivery of equipment for the project of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research.

(iv) Non-availability of judicial officers in the Office of Welfare Commissioner, Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster and lesser number of decided cases.

In the case of Deptt. of Fertilizers the unspent balance during these two years was mainly on account of lower level of imports of urea as against the estimated imports and non-utilisation of budget provision during 2001-02 made for payment of concession for

decontrolled fertilizers.

(d) & (e)The Budget provisions for import of urea are made on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Secretaries after taking into account the assessed demand projected by Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation in consultation with the States. However, the actual imports would still depend upon inter-alia the trend of indigenous production and sales/consumption of urea.